

# The 10 Commandments

## 8<sup>TH</sup> – Don't Bear False Witness!! (What's that??)

### Confirmation - Lesson B17

**Memory Verse** - 'With it we \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord and Father, and with it we \_\_\_\_\_ people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same \_\_\_\_\_ come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.' **James 3:9-10**

**8<sup>th</sup> Commandment** - 'You shall not bear \_\_\_\_\_ against your neighbor' **Exodus 20:16**

- **False witness** - To speak \_\_\_\_\_ in any matter through lying, deceit or speaking unjustly to \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbor's reputation.

The tongue has the power to bring \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to our neighbor.

- **Proverbs 18:21** - 'death and life are in the power of the tongue...'

God forbids us from \_\_\_\_\_, withholding the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and hurting our neighbor.

God desires for us to \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbor, \_\_\_\_\_ well of our neighbor, and speak up for those that are \_\_\_\_\_.

- Proverbs 31:8-9 - Speak up for those who cannot \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves.
- Ephesians 4:29 - Do not let any \_\_\_\_\_ talk come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for \_\_\_\_\_ others up.

**Our goal is to speak the right \_\_\_\_\_, in the right \_\_\_\_\_, at the right \_\_\_\_\_.**

The right words are a balance of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- **John 1:14** - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

The right time is with \_\_\_\_\_, understanding their \_\_\_\_\_, and not reactionary.

- **Prov. 25:20** - 'Whoever sings songs to a \_\_\_\_\_ heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.'
- **James 1:19** - 'Everyone should be quick to \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_ and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires'

The right way is with a humble, loving approach with God at the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Sources of wise speech

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (people around you) affects your speech
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - James 1:5 - 'If any of you lacks \_\_\_\_\_, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.'
- 4) A continuously changed \_\_\_\_\_
  - **James 3:9:10** - 'With it we \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord and Father, and with it we \_\_\_\_\_ people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same \_\_\_\_\_ come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.'

**Main Point:** We love our neighbors, because God loves them and they are made in His \_\_\_\_\_!!

Our \_\_\_\_\_ brings life not death!

# Reflection Time

*Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) How much does your speech change based on which people you are around?

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2) The most hurtful thing that someone said to me was...

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3) The nicest thing that someone said to me was...

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4) How does your family speak to each other? Has this affected you?

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5) What is one way you need to change your speech? (could be stopping or starting something)

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# Family Time

## Bear False Witness - B17

Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. A great time to do this is in the car, while eating a meal, or simply anytime you can enjoy together.

**Memory Verse-** *'With it we BLESS our Lord and Father, and with it we CURSE people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same MOUTH come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.'* **James 3:9-10**

1) **Ask your parent(s):** What do you think it means to 'bear false witness' against someone?

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2) **With your parents,** look at pg. 110 in your Small Catechism and write down the 'what does this mean' for the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment:

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3) **Ask your parent(s):** Have them share a time when one of the examples above happened to them. How'd it make them feel? What'd they do about it?

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4) **Rate the speech of your household 1-10**---1 being the most life-taking and 10 being the most life-giving and **explain your number.** (Factor in level of encouragement, sarcasm, negativity, fear, honesty, gossip, hurtfulness, lying, lack of communication, etc.)

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5) What is one way your family could help improve your speech & conversation at home?

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6) Read Matthew 18:15-17---What are the 3 steps Jesus gives us to handle conflict?

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

7) Our family's normal way to handle conflict is...

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8) Brainstorm and write 2 ways your family could be better about handling conflict:

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9) Pray together as a family---pray that your speech honors God, pray that you can build up your neighbor, pray that you can advocate for the bullied, pray for a change of heart!!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print your name so we can read it)*